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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2007, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application. No fees are believed due with the filing of this paper. However, if any extensions of time or fees are deemed necessary, the Commissioner is requested to grant any such extensions and to charge such additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.